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Masahide KATSUKI et at. ) Group Art Unit: 2834 ✓  
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Serial No.: 09/964,438 ) Examiner: Judson Jones  
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Filed: September 28, 2001 )  
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For: LINEAR MOTOR DRIVE )  
APPARATUS )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In reply to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-206100 (the "Japanese reference"). The Examiner advised Applicants of "the obligation under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made." See Office Action, page 2. The Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the

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